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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN ECONOMIC TRANSITION

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND:

1. QUOTE: DEAR TONY, YOU GET TWO POINTS FOR BEING AT HOME AT 9:30 TO TAKE MY CALL.
2. AS I SAID TO YOU ON THE TELEPHONE, WE PRESENTED YOUR ORIGINAL DRAFT ON THE ECONOMIC TRANSITION TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS IN ZURICH, AS YOU REQUESTED. THEY AGREED TO THE OVERALL CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES. THEY DID, HOWEVER, HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES AND QUANTITIES IN YOUR PAPER. SPECIFICALLY, FOURIE DISCUSSED THESE ON THE SIDE WITH ROGERS SUBJECT TO YOUR AGREEMENT AND VORSTER'S APPROVAL.
3. WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED FROM PRETORIA THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WANTS TO RESOLVE THESE MATTERS ALONG THE LINES OF FOURIE'S IDEAS. ROGERS MENTIONED TO DUFF WHEN WE WERE IN LONDON THAT FOURIE HAD PROPOSALS ON THE ECONOMIC PLAN, AND ASSUMED THAT FOURIE WOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH DUFF WHEN DUFF SAW FOURIE IN PRETORIA A FEW DAYS LATER. IF FOURIE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS UP TO US TO RAISE HIS SUGGESTIONS WITH HIM, THEN THE MATTER MAY HAVE FALLEN BETWEEN THE CRACKS.
4. AT ANY RATE, THEY ARE, AS YOU WILL SEE, MATTERS WHICH DO NOT GO TO THE ESSENTIALS OF THE SCHEME. FIRST, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE AGREED TO THE IDEA OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND, BUT SAID

THAT IF IT WERE TO HAVE A FIXED TERM THAT TERM SHOULD BE NO LESS THAN THE PERIOD OVER WHICH THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY OUT LIQUID ASSETS TO EMIGRANTS. SECONDLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO FARMLAND, FARM IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS LIVESTOCK, FENCING AND TRACTORS ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SAFETY NET TREATMENT, AND PUT FORWARD A HIGH FIGURE, 80 PERCENT, AS THE VALUE TO BE PAID FOR THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. THIRD, HE SUGGESTED THAT EMIGRANTS ALSO BE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO TAKE THEIR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS WITH THEM. FINALLY, HE WANTED TO INCREASE THE ILLUSTRATIVE FRACTION OF LIQUID ASSETS WHICH THE PAPER SAYS AN EMIGRANT SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO TAKE OUT FROM 30 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT OR MORE, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 25,000 DOLLARS.

5. MOST OF THESE SUGGESTIONS SEEM REASONABLE. NONE GO TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ARE TOGETHER EVEN ON THE DETAILS TO PREVENT SMITH FROM HAVING A PRETEXT TO WIGGLE OFF THE HOOK. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THESE FIGURES-- OR GIVE US ALTERNATIVES -- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED IN AN AGREED FRAMEWORK. END QUOTE.

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